(b) The area and production of oil-seeds at All India Level during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Area (million ha.)	Production (million tonnes)
1984-85 . .	18.9	13.0
1985-86 . .	19.0	10.8
1986-87 . .	18.6	11.4

(c) The yield of oilseeds for the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87, was 684, 570 and 613 kgs. per hectare respectively. During 1985-86 and 1986-87 yield of oilseeds declined due to abberent weather conditions and droughts. However, during 1986-87 it improve as a result of number of steps taken by the Government.

(d) Oilseeds production in the year 1986-87 exceeded that of 1985-86 by about 6 per cent despite deterioration in monsoon by about 20 per cent. Due to the promotional works undertaken by the Mission, the area under the oilseeds like soyabean, sunflower, mustard, toria and safflower has expanded substantially over the normal level despite the severe drought in the country this year.

(e) The target for 1987-88 is 14.5 million tonnes and for 1988-89 is tentatively fixed at 15.0 million tonnes.

(f) The requirements of consumption oils is not fixed in terms of oilseeds. However, the requirement of edible oils is estimated at about 52 lakhs tonnes during 1987-88. The Government is making every effort to meet the requirement.

Increase In the price of rice

1866. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: SHRI K. MOHANAN: SHRI SUKOMAL SEN": SHRI NARAYAN KAR.

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state what are the reasons for the increaso in the administrative price of rice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN TH» MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): The Central issue price of fine and superfine varieties of rice were raised from 1-10-87 consequent upon the increase in the support prices of common, fine and superfine varieties of paddy payable to farmers in the 1987-88 kharif season.

Special AIR programme for India* Peace keeping; force h> Sri Lanka

1867. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA;
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether All India Radio is beaming any special programmes at Sri Lanka for entertainment of the Indian Peace Keeping Force and for countering the anti-Indian propaganda of the LTTE **and** others concerned, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT); Yes, Sir. All India Radio has introduced a 12 hour Service te Sri Lanka. It includes items of entertainment and information to the IPKF and programmes to counter anti-Indian propaganda. The entertainment items are broadcast between 2.10 and 3.00 P.M. 6.40 to 7.00 PM, **9.16** to 10.30 PM.

The items to counter anti-Indian propaganda of LTTE are included in the various spokenword programmes and News Bulletins broadcast. The timings of the Spokenwords broadcast are as follows:

7 to 7.10 AM, 1.30 to 2.00 PM, 5 to 6.00 PM and 7.25 to 8.3».

The News Bulletins are broadcast •at the following timings:—

5.35 AM, 6.45 AM, 7.15 AM, 8.00 AM, 8.10 AM, 12.40 PM, 2.00 PM, 5.55 PM, 7.15 PM, 8.45 PM and 9 PM.

Development of Tourism in the Country

1868. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA;

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main features of the annual plan for the financial year, 1988-89 approved by the planning Com. mission for Development of tourism in the country; and

(b) what plans have been formulated to attract more tourist to historical monuments like the Taj?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI); (a) The main features of the Annual Plan 1988-89 include promotion of India's tourist attractions in the overseas and domestic markets and strengthening of the infrastructure in the country.

(b) The Ministry provides financial assistance for strengthening infrastructure at the sites of historical monuments. The Ministry also brings out appropriate publicity material and undertakes promotion of such centres in the overseas and domestic markets.

Setting Ut» of a National Committee for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour

1869. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK;

Will the Min'ster of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of organisation have urged Government to set up a standing National Committee, staffed by voluntary agencies and other activists with full financial and judicial powers, to identify and rehabilitate bonded labour in the country and to prosecute their employers; if so whether Government propose to set up such a Committee;

(b) what are the broad outlines of the proposal; and

(c) whether Government propose to-give greater publicity over All India Radio and Doordarshan to the labourers' rights under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 and varoius other statutes for the welfare of unorganised labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. It was suggested that a National Commission on the identification and rehabilitation of bonded labour should be established; and the members of the Commission should be from tiie voluntary sector. However, Government does not propose to set up such a Commission.

(c) Publicity is being given over Akashvani and Doordarshan to increase the awareness of the unoraga-nised workers about the laws, including the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, meant for their welfare.

"Award of "A" Certificate to West Bengal for implementation of IRDP

1870 SHRI CHITTA BASU: SHRI K. MOHANAN; SHRI NIRMAL CHATTER-JEE: SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whethe'r Government are aware that the Government of West Bengal has been awarded 'A* Certificate for